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SUBJECT: OMEGA TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

REF: STATE 116537

-- FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF NOTE TO BE PRESENTED TO GOTT IN
OPENING DISCUSSIONS ON EXTENSION OF OMEGA OPERATING RIGHTS:

THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRESENTS ITS
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COMPLIMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND HAS
THE HONOR TO REFER TO RECENT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN REPRESENT-
ATIVES OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS CONCERNING THE EXISTING OMEGA
NAVIGATIONAL STATION AT CHAGUARAMAS, HEREIN AFTER REFERRED
TO AS THE "STATION", AND TO PROPOSE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AGREE TO PERMIT THE CONTINUED OPERATION
OF THE STATION UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 1980. THE STATION IS A

TEMPORARY, LOW POWER FACILITY ESTABLISHED AS PART OF A WORLDWIDE SYSTEM CAPABLE OF BEING USED BY ANY PROPERLY-EQUIPPED SHIP OR AIRCRAFT FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING THE NAVIGATIONAL EFFICIENCY OF MARINERS AND AVIATORS OF ALL NATIONS. ACCORDINGLY, THE EMBASSY HAS THE FURTHER HONOR TO PROPOSE THAT THE STATION BE OPERATED BY AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS:

(1) THE GOVERNMENT OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, WITHOUT CHARGE, THE LAND NECESSARY FOR CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE STATION AND ITS ASSOCIATED REMOTE MONITOR SITE.

(2) THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SHALL, AT ITS OWN EXPENSE, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE STATION AS NECESSARY FOR ITS PROPER UTILIZATION IN THE WORLDWIDE OMEGA NAVIGATIONAL SYSTEM. THIS SHALL INCLUDE THE RIGHT, DURING THE PERIOD OF STATION OPERATION, TO REPLACE OR REMOVE, FREE OF ANY RESTRICTIONS, ANY ELECTRONICS, COMMUNICATIONS OR ANTENNA EQUIPMENT.

(3) THE GOVERNMENT OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO SHALL PARTICIPATE IN THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF THE STATION AS AGREED BY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS.

(4) THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES MAY DISESTABLISH THE STATION AND ITS ASSOCIATED REMOTE MONITOR SITE AT ANY TIME UPON SIX (6) MONTHS PRIOR NOTIFICATION TO THE CONFIDENTIAL

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GOVERNMENT OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

(5) THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SHALL NOT REMOVE OR DEMOLISH OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF ANY BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES CURRENTLY IN USE FOR STATION OPERATIONS WITHOUT THE EXPRESS PERMISSION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

(6) OMEGA SIGNALS FROM THE STATION SHALL BE USABLE FOR NAVIGATION, SEARCH AND RESCUE, TIME DISSEMINATION AND OTHER PEACEFUL PURPOSES AS AGREED BY BOTH GOVERNMENTS.

(7) DURING THE CURRENCY OF THIS AGREEMENT AND FOR A REASONABLE PERIOD THEREAFTER, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND ITS CONTRACTORS MAY IMPORT INTO OR REMOVE FROM TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO FREE FROM CUSTOMS, DUTIES AND TAXES:

(A) ALL MATERIALS, PARTS, EQUIPMENT AND OTHER SUPPLIES FOR THE USE OF UNITED STATES CONTRACTORS IN CONNECTION

WITH THE OPERATION, MAINTENANCE OR DISESTABLISHMENT OF THE STATION;

(B) PERSONAL EFFECTS AND HOUSEHOLD GOODS, INCLUDING PRIVATELY-OWNED AUTOMOBILES, IMPORTED BY UNITED STATES CONTRACTORS AND CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL ON FIRST ARRIVAL IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO OR WITHIN SIX MONTHS THEREAFTER.

(8) WHERE THE LEGAL INCIDENCE OF ANY FORM OF TAXATION IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO DEPENDS UPON RESIDENCE OR DOMICILE, PERIODS DURING WHICH UNITED STATES CONTRACTORS OR CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL ARE IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO SOLELY BY REASON OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED AS PERIODS OF RESIDENCE (OR AS CREATING A CHANGE OF RESIDENCE OR DOMICILE) FOR THE PURPOSES OF TAXATION. UNITED STATES CONTRACTORS OR CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM TAXATION IN TRINIDAD
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AND TOBAGO ON THE SALARY AND EMOLUMENTS RECEIVED BY THEM AS SUCH, ON ANY TANGIBLE MOVABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE AREA PROVIDED FOR USE OF THE STATION AND ON THE OWNERSHIP OF SUCH PROPERTY OUTSIDE THE STATION WHICH IS IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO SOLELY BY REASON OF THIS AGREEMENT.

(9) THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND ITS CONTRACTORS MAY USE THE PUBLIC SERVICES AND FACILITIES BELONGING TO OR CONTROLLED OR REGULATED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO. THE TERMS OF USE, INCLUDING CHARGES, SHALL BE NO LESS FAVOURABLE THAN THOSE AVAILABLE TO OTHER USERS.

(10) THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND ITS CONTRACTORS MAY PURCHASE LOCALLY GOODS AND SERVICES REQUIRED FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS AGREEMENT. SUBJECT TO UNITED STATES POLICIES OR REGULATIONS, PREFERENCE SHALL BE GIVEN TO THE PROCUREMENT OF GOODS IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO. NO EXCISE, CONSUMPTION OR OTHER DUTY SHALL BE LEVIED OR CHARGED ON ANY GOODS OR MATERIALS PURCHASED LOCALLY BY OR FOR THE USE OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND ITS CONTRACTORS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS AGREEMENT.

(11) THE FLAGS OF THE UNITED STATES AND TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO SHALL FLY SIDE BY SIDE OVER THE STATION.

(12) THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS MAY MAKE ADDITIONAL, SUPPLEMENTAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS AGREEMENT AS MAY BE

NECESSARY. THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES FOR THE PURPOSE
OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE, FOR THE UNITED STATES GOVERN-
MENT, THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD, AND FOR THE GOVERN-
MENT OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, THE -----.

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THE EMBASSY PROPOSES THAT, IF THE FOREGOING PROVISIONS
ARE ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO,
THIS NOTE AND THE DEPARTMENT'S REPLY TO THAT EFFECT SHALL
CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WHICH
SHALL ENTER INTO FORCE ON JANUARY 1, 1978 AND CONTINUE
IN FORCE UNTIL 31 DECEMBER 1980 OR UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE
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